

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of synchronizing files between a central site and a plurality of remote sites comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a list of files to the plurality of remote sites by the central site, prior to a callback time of the remote sites;

(b) reporting which of the files from the list of files are missing by each of the plurality of remote sites to the central site; and

(c) determining within the central site which of the files from the list of files needs to be sent to each of the plurality of remote sites.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 in which the providing step (a) utilizes a file system synchronization (FSS) helper application.

3. (original) The method of claim 1 in which the reporting step (b) utilizes a file system synchronization remote site operation mechanism.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 in which the determining step (c) utilizes an automated central site operation mechanism.

5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the list of files comprises a loadlist.

6. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein each of the files in the loadlist are date and time stamped.

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7. (Cancelled)

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